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JOIN US FOR THE GOOD OLD DAYS

# ILLINOIS STATE FAIR

August 7-17  
1980

The  
GOOD OLD DAYS  
are...

- AUG. 7 - COUNTY FAIR DAY
- AUG. 8 - DEMOCRAT DAY
- AUG. 9 - MAYORS & LOCAL OFFICIALS DAY
- AUG. 10 - VETERANS' DAY
- AUG. 11 - YOUTH & ACCESS ILLINOIS DAY
- AUG. 12 - AGRICULTURAL & FARM CITY DAY
- AUG. 13 - GOVERNOR'S DAY
- AUG. 14 - SPRINGFIELD DAY
- AUG. 15 - GOLDEN AGE DAY
- AUG. 16 - LABOR DAY
- AUG. 17 - RACE DAY

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# LIVESTOCK

Long known as the "Nation's Largest Livestock Show," this year promises to be another blue-ribbon exposition, with more than 20,000 entries. Judging schedules have been rearranged to permit fairgoers to see competition in one of the several show rings nearly every day. Livestock categories include: Beef and Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Draft Horses, Mules, Pigeons, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Steers, Swine and Wethers.

One of the highlights of the Illinois State Fair is the "Sale of Champions," where top bidders vie in an auction of livestock and agricultural commodity winners. The auction starts at 2 p.m. Wednesday, August 13th, in the Coliseum.



Go "hog wild" watching Heinold's Racing Pigs ham it up. Pick a winner, receive a prize.

# TRACTOR PULLS

From the garden variety to the 12,200-pound super stock machines, the Tractor Pull matches man and machine against the power of the weighted sled. Competing for \$30,000 in prize money, this event has grown in popularity annually. Other classes include hot rod, antique, modified, stock and four-wheel-drive trucks. Friday and Saturday, August 8th and 9th at the Grandstand. Country singer John Conlee will perform during the Saturday night finals.



# ILLINOIS FARM EXPO

Major farm implement companies return, making the Illinois Farm Expo the largest show of its kind in the state this year. Big tractors and a variety of tillage and harvesting equipment promise to make this one of the most popular places on the grounds.

Located adjacent to the Illinois Farm Expo will be the Illinois Department of Agriculture's Tent, featuring displays from its divisions, including an up-to-the-minute news wire.

Other highlights of the area will be the Agri-Business Tent, along with exhibits of alternative forms of energy being produced for use on the farm.

## Agriculture

From apples to zucchini and corn, peaches, wheat and other crops in between, Illinois agriculture is the best in the nation. Participants eagerly await the scrutiny of the judges and the prized blue ribbons.

Junior Department activities will be even more in evidence this year with 4-H'ers presenting programs throughout the grounds. And the traditional Agriculture Day will not only bring farm and city residents together, but the day has been designated as "a salute to 4-H and FFA."

"From seed to feed," developed by the Champaign County Young Farmers, will be on display in the Illinois Department of Agriculture tent. A model of a modern Illinois grain and livestock farm, it is designed to show the progression of ag products from planting to processing.



# The GOVERNOR'S Tent



Welcome to your 1980 Illinois State Fair!

As this year's fair theme says, we're returning to "The Good Old Days." It's time to renew our ties to the past and bring back some long-absent features.

But that's not all. With you in mind, several new things have been added.

Returning to this fair will be the largest farm implement show in Illinois. In addition, a spectacular nightly fireworks display and a star-packed schedule of grandstand entertainment will be part of the daily fare.

New events will include daily livestock showings and dance and polka music to set your feet in motion at the Top of the Fair. There will be music for a variety of tastes, ranging from a Rock-n-Roll music contest to an old-time bluegrass fiddlers' and banjo contest.

Overall, the fair will be sporting a spruced-up midway, 3,000 new parking spaces, improved informational signs and a crowd-pleasing, inflation-fighting 50-cents admission after 6 p.m. each day.

And incidentally, please stop at the Governor's Tent while you are at the fair and have a cold glass of water and a rest. Jayne, Samantha and I will be there and at other spots throughout the fair.

We'll be seeing you. Let's all have fun as we return to "The Good Old Days" at your 1980 State Fair!

Sincerely,

James R. Thompson  
GOVERNOR

# Happy Hollow

Whether you're coasting along on the Zyklon, spinning on the Zipper or grabbing for the imaginary brass ring on the Merry-Go-Round, the lure of Carnival World brings out the child in everyone. Link Amusement Co., a family operation, provides the rides, games and other attractions for the young-at-heart. Special discounts are available until 6 p.m. on Youth Day, Monday, August 11th.



## Western Horse Shows

Annually rated one of the top shows of its kind by the American Horse Shows Association, Inc., the Illinois State Fair offers over \$120,000 in prize money. The schedule, presented in the Coliseum, is:

Tuesday, Aug. 5, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 6, 8:30 a.m., 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 7, 8:30 a.m., 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 8, 8:30 a.m., 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 9, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 10, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 11, 7:30 p.m.

More than \$30,000 in premium money is available to winners in the Western Horse Show, which provides plenty of action and showmanship.

Wednesday, Aug. 13, 3 & 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 14, 8 a.m., 1 & 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 15, 7 a.m., 1 & 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 16, 8 a.m., 1 & 7 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 17, 8 a.m., noon & 7 p.m.



# GRANDSTAND STARS



**CHARLIE DANIELS BAND**  
Friday, August 8th  
Two Shows, 7 & 9:30 PM



**ATLANTA RHYTHM SECTION**  
Monday, August 11th—Two Shows, 7 & 9:30 PM



**THE DIRT BAND**



**WILLIE NELSON & FAMILY**  
Tuesday, August 12th  
Two Shows, 7 & 9:30 PM



**CRYSTAL GAYLE**  
Wednesday, Aug. 13th—Two Shows, 7 & 9:30 PM



**RAY PRICE**



**THE OAK RIDGE BOYS**  
Thursday, Aug. 14th—Two Shows, 7 & 9:30 PM



**MARGO SMITH**



**PURE PRAIRIE LEAGUE**  
Friday, Aug. 15th—One Show Only, 8:30 PM



**HEAD EAST**



**JOHNNY PAYCHECK & The  
WEST TEXAS MUSIC CO.**



**DOUG KERSHAW**

Saturday, Aug. 16th—Two Shows, 7 & 9:30 PM



# ILLINOIS STATE FAIR HORSE RACING

Five days of the richest harness racing with an estimated \$1,000,000 awaiting the winners. All on the nation's fastest one-mile dirt track.

Monday, August 11th—Illinois State Fair Colt Stakes 2 & 3 year-old Trot and Pace.

Tuesday, August 12th—Illinois State Fair Colt Stakes Filly Division 2 & 3-year-old Trot and Pace.

Wednesday, August 13th—Review Futurity 2-year-old races. Illinois Topline Stakes 3-year-old Trot and Pace.

Thursday, August 14th—Review Futurity 3-year-old races. Illinois Topline Stakes 2-year-old Trot and Pace.

Friday, August 15th—Illinois State Fair Colt Stakes Aged Division and ISOBA Breeders Cup races.

When it comes to racing, quarter horses are the fastest, and the State Fair field makes for one of the finest programs. Time trials are scheduled for 10 a.m., August 1st, 2nd and 3rd, with the finals going off at 7 p.m., Thursday, August 7th.

## TICKETS AND INFORMATION

Tickets for Grandstand shows are \$7, \$6, and \$4. For ticket information, call 217/782-1979. Visa and Master Charge are welcome. Checks are payable to: Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Tickets for the Quarter Horse races, the Tractor Pull, with country singer John Conlee, and the Demolition Derby are sold only the day of each event



# FAIR ACTIVITIES

opening day parade.....colorful drum and bugle corps on veterans' day.....bocci ball..... antique farm equipment..... pork cook-out.....rock band contest... old fiddlers and banjo competition.....lottery drawing.....firefighters tent and waterball fights.....square dancing... rose show.....hog-calling contest... nightly fireworks.....horseshoe pitching...beer tents....more free daily entertainment.....sheep shearing... peach goodie cookery...sow and litter contest... baton

competition.....abe's amble..... antique cars.....cheerleading contest...monster arm wrestling.....government tent....bake-off.. ladies lead and costume class... balloon tethering.....feel of the wheel tent.....husband-calling contest.....philatelic exhibits... professional art show...ponytail-pigtail contest...textile displays.....youth activities...dahlia and gladiolus shows....bee culture... hobby show...culinary arts contest.....amateur art...dairy products, plus the "butter cow".....commercial exhibits in the exposition building and grandstand.....political rallies....kitchen band contest...3,000 additional parking spaces...dancing waters...illinois building theatre...conservation world and daily demonstrations.....lincoln stage...women's activities...the ann rutledge tavern..law enforcement tent and exhibits.....and much, much more!



An American dream come true! A hand-carved miniature replica of the White House, with detailed cutaways of the interior. On the first floor of the Illinois Building, plus the White House museum, featuring rare memorabilia, on the balcony of the Illinois Building.



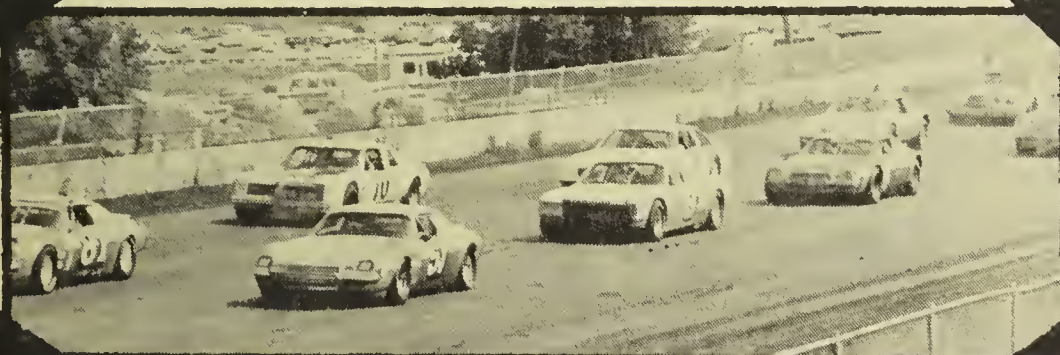
# Auto Racing

The top drivers from the United States Auto Club challenge each other and the one-mile dirt oval in two days of auto races at the Grandstand.

Saturday, August 16th—Tony Bettenhausen Memorial 100-mile big car race.

Sunday, August 17th—Allen Crowe Memorial 100-mile late model stock car race.

A "crash course" in driving is expected at the Demolition Derby, Sunday night, August 17th, at the Grandstand, with the last car running declared the winner. This promises to be a bang-up affair!

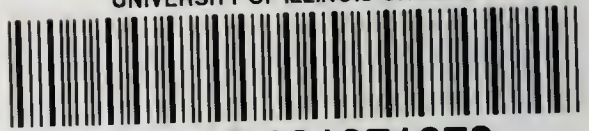


Cartoon characters Huck and Yogi will serve as "goodwill ambassadors" for the Illinois State Fair. From the Opening Day Parade until the end, Huck and Yogi will be visiting with fairgoers. Be sure and tell them "hello."

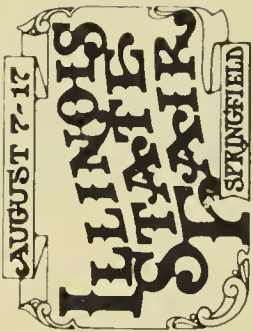




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# ADMISSIONS

Adults.....	\$1.50
Children (under 13).....	50 cents
Admission after 6 p.m.....	50 cents
Vehicles.....	\$2.00
Veterans & immediate family FREE (with ID) on Veterans' Day, Sunday, August 10th.	
Disabled Citizens & Youths under 18 on Youth & Access Illinois Day only, Monday, August 11th.....	
	50 cents
Senior Citizens (60 & older) on Golden Age Day only, Friday, August 15th.....	
	50 cents
Union Members (with ID) on Labor Day only, Saturday, August 16th.....	
	50 cents